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It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form(s) PTO-1449 be made of record in this application. Copies of these documents (CHECK ONE):

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Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

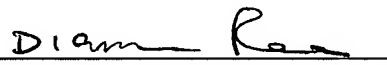
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